THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ID. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Central annual allocation to Kerala under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces is Rs. 31.50 crore. The Scheme is operated on a 50 : 50 cost sharing basis between the Centre and the State Government. The details of police modernization plans received from Kerala, plans approved and Central funds released during the previous three financial years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Years	Plan received for	Plan approved for	Central funds released
2000-01	60.77	58.57	29.28
2001-02	63.34	62.23	31.11
2002-03	74.00	72.00	25.63*

The release of funds is based on the utilization of funds in respect of the approved plans of the previous two financial years.

This includes an amount of Rs. 0.31 crore placed at the disposal of Directorate of Coordination (Police Wireless) for implementation of POLNET project in the State of Kerala.

(e) No proposal for financial assistance received for police modernisation from the Government of Kerala is pending. Funds under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces for 2002-03 have already been released.

Amount released for Earthquake Victims of Uttaranchal

3443. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sanctioned and released so far for the rehabilitation and reconstruction in the super earthquake affected district of Uttarkashi of Uttaranchal State from early 1990 till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that amount do not reach the earthquake affected families properly while the some NGOs, some Stale Governments and also Central Government have sent various varieties of assistance; and

(c) whether Government have investigated the matter, if so, what is the findings thereof and if not, whether Government propose to investigate the whole matter again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) According to the information received from the Government of Uttaranchal, following assistance has been extended by the State Government in areas affected by earthquake of 29th October, 1991 in Uttarkashi:—

(i) Rs. 7413.82 lakhs distributed as grant to the affected families as gratuitous relief including *ex-gratia* payments to the families of deceased persons and for repair/reconstruction of damaged houses. The assistance for houses included tin-sheets, cement and other building material.

(ii) Rs. 2059.70 lakhs distributed under Indira Awas Yojna and HUDCO housing loans to 14800 families.

(ni) Rs. 354.82 lakhs spent on repair and reconstruction of damaged departmental public properties.

(b) The State Government and NGOs had provided assistance to the affected families after the earthquake. No complaints had been received by the State Government in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

Tainted officials posted in Special Cell of Delhi Police

†3444. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of tainted officials have been posted in the Special Cell of Delhi Police;

(b) if so, what is the number of officials in Special Cell against whom departmental enquiries are still going on;

(c) the number of officials of the Special Cell who have been arrested on corruption charges during the last two years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.